(1)	(2)	(3)
22.	Orissa	3301
23.	Pondicherry (UT)	53
24.	Punjab	1557
25.	Rajasthan	4597
26.	Sikkim	62
27.	Tamil Nadu	3758
28.	Tripura	400
29.	Uttaranchal	1075
30.	Uttar Pradesh	4942
31.	West Bengal	1951
	TOTAL :	58112

Projects from West Bengal

328. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of West Bengal had forwarded thirteen projects for approval under Annual Plan, 2003-04;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the date on which these were forwarded;

(c) whether any further reminders have been received from the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether approvals have been accorded and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Thirteen estimates for the projects under Annual Plan 2003-04 were forwarded by the State Government of West Bengal during the period from April to October, 2003. However majority of these estimates were

deficient with reference to Ministry's guidelines and had to be returned for modification or for submission of additional information/clarifications for further processing. Eleven estimates have been resubmitted by the State Government as per following details and balance two are awaited:

Month and Year of Receipt	No. of Estimates	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Crore)
April, 2003	1	3.63
September, 2003	1	14.77
October, 2003	6	25.97
November, 2003	3	30.68

(c) and (d) The State Government has been reminded for early sanction of the estimates during November, 2003.

(e) One estimate, received in April, 2003, has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 3.47 crore and balance ten estimates received from September to November, 2003 are under process.

Road in Madhya Pradesh

329. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the pathetic condition of roads and National Highways in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) what steps have been taken to improve the condition of National Highways; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the progress made in Madhya Pradesh in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The total length of National Highways in Madhya Pradesh in 4734 kms. out of which 2559 kms. were newly declared during the period 1997 to 2000. These new National Highways were in poor condition at the time of declaration consisting mostly of single lane and some sections without any surfacing. This Ministry